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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

ALEXEY STEPANOV,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary,  
Department of Homeland Security; et al.,  
Defendants.

No. C 07-2492 RS

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, Defendants hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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Consent to Magistrate Jurisdiction  
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